

Teacher January Newsletter

The new year brings not only new learning opportunities for you and your students, it also provides a great opportunity for you to assess student learning goals. To determine if your students are progressing, look at interim assessments and other classroom data to decide if your students are meeting grade-level standards. The [Arkansas Student Intervention System](#) is a great system that allows you to monitor student progress and modify needed interventions throughout the entire school year.

The new year also is a great time to examine classroom routines and procedures and their impact on student learning. Consider new processes that will motivate and engage students, leading to enhanced learning. Please consider the following questions as you examine your students' progress.

- How are my students progressing to meet grade-level standards?
- Does homework provide appropriate practice for skills that have been taught?
- How can parents get involved in school?
- How can I help parents assist their children with homework?
- Does my classroom celebrate diversity and heritage?

Flu Season

The winter months typically mean that cold and flu season has arrived. To help prevent a flu outbreak, educate your students about good hygiene habits and how the flu is spread. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers lesson plans you can use to teach your students how to avoid getting sick and spreading the flu: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/teachingchildrenflu.pdf>.

As you think about how to help your students stay healthy during the winter months, consider the following questions.

- How can I communicate with parents about flu?
- What should I do if a child develops flu-like symptoms during the school day?
- What can I do to help my students stay healthy during flu season?



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